

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 34 as follows:

The negative electrode plate 21 and the positive electrode plate 41 are wound via a separator 43 of a sheet-like insulating material to form a cylindrical body 27 as shown in FIG. 27. The cylindrical body 27 is formed by displacing the negative electrode plate 21 downwards with respect to the separator 43 and by displacing the positive electrode plate 41 upwards with respect to the separator 43. Therefore, the longitudinally extending edge 22a of the substrate 22 of the negative electrode plate 21, together with the paste-like material 23, is exposed in the bottom portion 27a of the cylindrical body 27.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 3, a collector for negative electrode 28 is welded to the longitudinally extending edge 22a on the bottom portion 27a of the cylindrical body 27 by resistance welding. Similarly, a collector for positive electrode 44 is welded to the positive electrode plate 41 on the top of the cylindrical body 27. The cylindrical body 27 to which the collector for negative electrode 28 and the collector 44 for positive electrode are welded is inserted into a cylindrical battery can 7 as shown in FIG. 4. The collector for negative electrode 28 is resistance-welded to the bottom portion of the cylindrical battery can 7. The collector for positive electrode 44 is provided so as to conduct to an external terminal 48 via ~~another member~~ members 50, 51. In FIG. 4, a lid 47 is caulked to be mounted on the top opening of the battery can 7 as is well known. Reference number 49 denotes a safety valve.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 14 as follows:

As shown in FIGS. 3-~~5~~ and 4, the stand ribs 31 of the collector for negative electrode 28 are caused to cross and contact the longitudinally extending edge 22a on the bottom portion 27a of the cylindrical body 27 to bond the longitudinally extending edge 22a to the collector for negative electrode 28 by resistance welding. It is assumed that the thickness of the stand rib 31 is t_c and the thickness of the substrate 22 is t_b .